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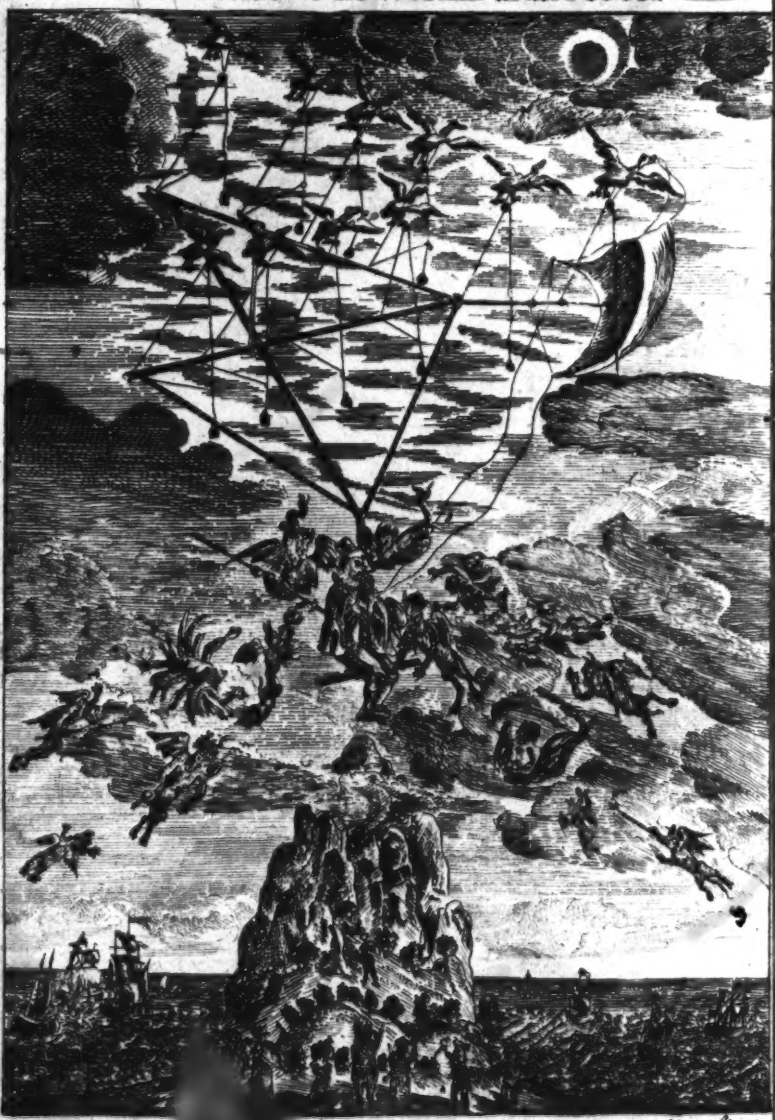

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THE STRANGE VOYAGE and ADVENTURES OF *DOMINGO GONSALES*, TO THE WORLD in the MOON.

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An Account of the Iſland of St. HELLENA; the Place where he reſided ſome Years in, and where he planned this Wonderful Voyage; his entering on Board one of the Homeward-bound *Eaſt-India* Ships for *Spain*; their running on the Rocks near the Pike of *Teneriff*, to avoid an *Engliſh* Squadron of Ships, that were in Purſuit of the *Spaniſh* Fleet; *Gonſales* had juſt Time to fix his Machine, which carried him in Safety to the Pike of *Teneriff*, having reſted his Ganſas on the Mountain, whence was purſued by the Savages; when giving the Signal to his Birds, they aroſe in the Air with him for their Journey to the Moon: The wonderful Apparitions and Devils he met with in his Progreſs; their Temptations to him, which he avoided, and their ſupplying him with choice Proviſions; his leaving this Helliſh Crew, and proceeding on his Voyage to the Moon; his ſafe Arrival there; the Manners, Cuſtoms, and Language of the Emperors, Kings, Princes and People: His ſhort Stay there, to the great Grief of the *Lunars*; the ineſtimable Preſents in Jewels the Author received at his Departure; his repaſſing to our Earthly Globe again, and was ſet down in *China* by his Birds; his being taken for a Magician by the Country People, and preſerved from their Fury by a *Chineſe* Mandarin; his going aboard an *India* Ship bound to *Europe*; his ſafe Arrival in his own Country, where he made his Diſcoveries to the King of *Spain*, who held ſeveral Cabinet Councils to deliberate on a proper Uſe to be made of theſe Diſcoveries.

With a Deſcription of the Pike of *Teneriff*, as travelled up by ſome *Engliſh* Merchants.

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THE STRANGE VOYAGE and ADVENTURES OF *DOMINGO GONSALES*, TO THE WORLD in the MOON, BY THE Several GANZA's, or Large GEESE.

BEFORE I come to relate our extraordinary Voyage of *Domingo Gonzales* to the World in the Moon, I will make a Halt at St. *Hellens*, or *Hellena*, which is now poſſeſt by the Honourable *Eaſt-India* Company. It is called the Sea Inn, becauſe the *Engliſh* and other Nations ſtop there as a Place for Watering and Refreſhment in their long Voyages to *India*. It was formerly ſeized by the *Dutch*, but retaken *May* 6th, 1673, by Captain *Munday*, with a Squadron of *Engliſh* Ships, and three rich *Dutch Eaſt India* Ships made Prizes in the Harbour; ſince which the Company have fortified and ſecured it, againſt any future Invaſion of *Dutch*, *Portugueſe*, or *Spaniards*. It was called *Santa Helena* by the *Portugueſe*, who diſcovered it on St. *Hellen*'s Day, being *April* 2.

There is no Iſland in the World ſo far diſtant from the Continent or main Land as this. It is about ſixteen Leagues in Compaſs, in the *Ethiopic* Sea; in 16 Degrees of South Latitude; about 1500 Miles from the *Cape of Good Hope*; 360 from *Angoia* in *Africa*; and 510 from *Braſile* in *America*. It lies high out of the Water, and ſurrounded on the Sea-coaſts with ſteep Rocks, having within many Cliffs, Mountains and Vallies, of which one is named *Church-Valley*, where behind a ſmall Church they climb up to the Mountains. To the South is *Apple-Dale*, ſo called from the abundance of Oranges, Lemons, and Pomegranates enough to furniſh five or ſix Ships. On the Weſt-ſide of the Church, Ships have good Anchorage cloſe under the Shore, to prevent the Winds which blow fiercely from the adjacent high Mountains.

The Air ſeems temperate and healthful, ſo that ſick Men brought aſhore there, in a ſhort Time recover; yet the Heat in the Vallies is as intolerable as the Cold upon the Mountains; it commonly rains there five or ſix Times a Day, ſo that the Barrenneſs of the Hills is not occaſioned for the want of Water, of which it hath two or three good Springs for furniſhing Ships with freſh Water; the Ground of its own Accord brings forth wild Peaſe and Beans, alſo whole Woods of Orange, Lemon, and Pomegranate Trees, all the Year long, laden both with Bloſſoms and Fruit, good Figs; abundance of Ebony and Roſe-trees, Parſly, Muſtard-ſeed, Purſlain, Sorrel, and the like; the Woods and Mountains are full of Goats, large Rams, and wild Swine, but difficult to be taken. When the *Portugueſe* diſcovered it, they found neither four-footed Beaſts nor Fruit-trees, but only freſh Water; they afterward planted Fruit-trees, which ſo increaſed ſince, that all the Vallies

Vallies ſtand full of them; Partridges, Pigeons, Moor-hens, and Peacocks breed here numerouſly, whereof a good Marksman may ſoon provide a Dinner for his Friends. On the Cliff-Iſlands, on the South, are thouſands of grey and black Mews, or Sea-Pies, and white and coloured Birds, ſome with long, others with ſhort Necks, who lay their Eggs on the Rocks, and ſuffer themſelves to be taken with the Hand, gazing at their Surprizers, till they are knocked on the Head with Sticks.

From the Salt-water beating againſt the Clifts a Froth or Scum remains in ſome Places, which the Heat of the Sun ſo purifies, that it becomes white and good Salt; ſome of the Mountains yield Bole Armoniac, and a fat Earth like *Terra Lemnia*. The Sea will anſwer the Pains of a patient Fiſherman, who muſt uſe an Angle, not a Net, becauſe of the foul Ground and beating of the Waves; the chief are Mackrel, Roach, Carp, but differing in Colour from thoſe among us; Eels as big as a Man's Arm, and well taſted Crabs, Lobſters, Oyſters and Muſſels as good as *Engliſh*.

It is in this Iſland that the Scene of that notable Fancy, called, *The Man in the Moon, or a Diſcourſe of a Voyage thither*, by *Domingo Gonſales* is laid, written by a learned Biſhop, ſaith the ingenious Biſhop *Wilkins*, who calls it a pleaſant and well contrived Fancy, in his own Book, intituled, *A Diſcourſe of the New World, tending to prove that it is poſſible there may be another habitable World in the Moon*; wherein among other curious Arguments he affirms, that this hath been the direct Opinion of divers antient, and ſome modern Mathematicians, and may probably be deduced from the Tenets of others, neither does it contradict any Principle of Reaſon nor Faith; and that as their World is our Moon, ſo our World is theirs.

Now this ſmall Tract having ſo worthy a Perſon to vouch for it, and many of our *Engliſh* Hiſtorians having publiſhed for Truth, what is almoſt as improbable as this, as Sir *John Mandavil* in his Travels and others, and this having what they are utterly deſtitute of, that is, Invention mixed with Judgment; and was judged worthy to be Licenſed fifty years ago, and not ſince reprinted, whereby it would be utterly loſt. I have thought fit to republiſh the Subſtance thereof, wherein the Author ſays he does not deſign to diſcourſe his Readers into a Belief of each particular Circumſtance, but expects that his new Diſcovery of a *new World*, may find little better Entertainment than *Columbus* had in his firſt Diſcovery of *America*, though yet that poor Eſpial betrayed ſo much Knowledge as hath ſince increaſed to vaſt Improvements, and the then *Unknown* is now found to be of as large Extent as all the other *known World*; that there ſhould be Antipodes was once thought as great a Paradox, as now that the Moon ſhould be habitable. But the Knowledge of it may be reſerved for this our diſcovering Age, wherein our Virtuoſi can by their Teleſcopes gaze the Sun into Spots, and deſcry Mountains in the Moon. But this and much more muſt be left to the Critics, as well as the following Relation of our little Eye-witneſs and great Diſcoverer, which you ſhall have in his own *Spaniſh* Stile, and delivered with that Grandeur and Thirſt of Glory, which is generally imputed to that Nation.

It is known to all the Countries of *Andaluzia*, that I *Domingo Gonſales* was born of a noble Family in the renowned City of *Seville*. My Father's Name being *Therando Gonſales*, near Kinſman on the Mother's Side to Don *Pedro Sanches* the worthy Count of *Almanera*, my Mother was the

Daughter

Daughter of the famous Lawyer *Otho Perez de Sallaveda*, Governor of *Barcellona*, and *Corrigidor* of *Biſcay*; I being the youngeſt of ſeventeen Children, was put to School, and deſigned to the Church; but Heaven purpoſing to uſe my Service in Matters of far another Nature, inſpired me with ſpending ſome Time in the Wars; it was at the Time that Don *Ferando*, the renowned Duke *D'Alva*, was ſent into the *Low Countries* in 1568. I then following the Current of my Deſire, leaving the Univerſity of *Salamanca*, whither my Parents had ſent me, without giving Notice to any of my Friends, got through *France* to *Antwerp*, where I arrived in a mean Condition. For having ſold my Books, Bedding, and other Things, which yielded me about 30 Ducats, and borrowed twenty more of my Father's Friends; I bought a little Nag, wherewith I travelled more thriftily than uſually young Gentlemen do, till arriving within a League of *Antwerp*, ſome of the curſed *Gueſes* ſet upon me, and bereaved me of my Horſe, Money, and all; ſo I was forced through Neceſſity to enter into the Service of Marſhal *Coſſey* a *French* Nobleman, whom I ſerved in an honourable Employ, though mine Enemies, to my Diſgrace affirm, I was his Horſe-keeper's Boy; but for that Matter, I refer myſelf to Count *Manſfield*, and other Perſons of Condition, who have often teſtified to many worthy Men, the very Truth of the Buſineſs, which indeed was this, Monſieur *Coſſey* being about this Time ſent to the Duke *D'Alva*, Governor of the *Low Countries*, he informing the Nobility of my Birth, and my late Misfortune, judging it would be no ſmall Honour to him to have a *Spaniard* of that Quality about him, furniſhed me with a Horſe, Arms and whatever I wanted, uſing my Service, after I had learned *French*, in writing his Letters,

Letters, becauſe my Hand was very fair. In time of War, if upon Neceſſity, I ſometimes dreſſed my own Horſe, I ought not to be reproached therewith, ſince I count it the part of a Gentleman to ſubmit to the vileſt Office for the Service of his Prince.

The firſt Expedition I was in, was when the Marſhal my Friend met the Prince of *Orange* making a Road into *France*, and forced him to fly even to the Walls of *Cambray*: It was my good Fortune to defeat a Trooper, by killing his Horſe with my Piſtol, who falling upon his Leg, could not ſtir, but yielded to my Mercy; I knowing my own Weakneſs of Body, and ſeeing him a luſty tall Fellow, thought it the ſureſt Way to diſpatch him, which having done, I plundered him of a Chain, Money, and other Things to the Value of 200 Ducats. This Money was no ſooner in my Pockets, but I reſumed the Remembrance of my Nobility, and taking my Audience of Leave from Monſieur *Coſſey*, I inſtantly repaired to the Duke *D'Alva*'s Court, where divers of my Kindred ſeeing my Pocket full of good Crowns, were ready enough to acknowledge me: By their means I was received into Pay, and in Time obtained Favour with the Duke, who would ſometimes jeſt a little more ſeverely at my Perſonage than I could well bear, for though I muſt acknowledge my Stature is ſo little, as I think no Man living is leſs, yet ſince it is the Work of Heaven and not my own, he ought not to have upbraided a Gentleman therewith; and thoſe glorious Things that have happened to me may evince, that wonderful Matters may be performed by very unlikely Bodies, if the Mind be good, and Fortune ſecond our Endeavours.

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Though the Duke's Jokes a little disgusted me, yet I endeavoured to conceal my Resentment, and accommodating myself to some other of his Humours, I was so far interested in his Favour, that at his going into *Spain*, whither I attended him, by his Kindness, and other Accidents, wherein by my Industry I was seldom wanting to myself, I was able to carry home 3000 Crowns in my Pocket.

At my Return, my Parents, who were extremely disturbed at my Departure, received me with Joy, which was increased, because they found I had brought wherewith to maintain myself without being chargeable to them, or lessening the Portions of my Brothers and Sisters. But doubting I would spend it as lightly as I got it, they sollicited me to marry the Daughter of *John Figueres*, a considerable Merchant of *Lisbon*, to which I complied, and putting my Marriage Money, and good Part of my own into the Hands of my Father, I lived like a Gentleman many Years very happily: At length a Quarrel arising between me and *Pedro Delgades*, a Gentleman and Kinsman of mine; it grew so high, that when no Mediation of Friends could prevail, we two went alone with our Swords into the Field, where it was my Chance to kill him, tho' a stout proper Man; but what I wanted in Strength I supplied in Courage, and my Agility countervailed for his Stature. This being acted in *Carmona*, I fled to *Lisbon*, thinking to conceal myself with some Friends of my Father-in-Law, till the Business might be accommodated; at which Time, a famous *Spanish* Count coming from the *West-Indies*, published triumphant Declarations of a great Victory he had obtained against the *English* near the *Isle of Pines*, whereas in reality he got nothing at all in that Voyage but Blows, and a considerable

ſiderable Loſs. It had been well if Vanity and Lying had been his only Crimes; his Covetouſneſs had like to have been my utter Ruin, though ſince it hath proved the Occaſion of eternizing my Name I verily believe to all Poſterity, and to the unſpeakable Benefit of all Mortals for ever hereafter, at leaſt if it pleaſe Heaven that I return home ſafe to my Country, and give perfect Inſtructions how thoſe almoſt incredible and impoſſible Acquirements may be imparted to the World. You ſhall then ſee Men flying in the Air, from one Place to another, you ſhall then be able to ſend Meſſages many hundred Miles in an Inſtant, and receive Anſwers immediately, without the Help of any Creature upon Earth; you ſhall then preſently impart your Mind to your Friend, though in the moſt remote and obſcure Place of a populous City, and a Multitude of other notable Experiments; but what exceeds all, you ſhall then have the Diſcovery of a *New World*, and Abundance of rare and incredible Secrets of Nature, which the Philoſophers of former Ages never ſo much as dreamt of; but I muſt be cautious in publiſhing theſe wonderful Myſteries, till our Stateſmen have conſidered how they may conſiſt with the Policy and good Government of our Country, and whether the Fathers of the Church may not judge the divulging them prejudicial to the Catholic Faith, which (by thoſe Wonders I have ſeen above any mortal Man before me) I am inſtructed to advance without Reſpect to any temporal Advantage whatſoever.

But to proceed: This huffing Captain pretended much Diſcontent for the Death of *Delgades*, who was indeed ſome Kin to him; however, he was willing to be quiet if I would give him a thouſand Ducats: I had now, beſides a Wife, two Sons, whom I was not willing to beggar, only to ſatisfy the

the avaritious Humour of this Boaſter, and ſo was neceſſitated to take ſome other Courſe. I embarked in a ſtout Carrick bound for the *Eaſt-Indies*, carrying the Value of two thouſand Ducats to trade with, leaving as much more for the Support of my Wife and Children behind, whatever Misfortune might happen to me. In the *Indies* I thrived exceedingly, laying out my Stock in Diamonds, Emeralds, and Pearls, which I bought at ſuch eaſy Rates, that my Stock ſafely arriving in *Spain*, (as I underſtood it did) muſt needs yield ten for one. But having doubled *Cape Bona Eſperanza* in my Way home, I fell dangerouſly ſick, expecting nothing but Death, which had undoubtedly happened, but that we juſt then recovered the bleſſed Iſle of St. *Helens*, the only Paradiſe I believe on Earth, for Healthfulneſs of Air, and Fruitfulneſs of Soil, producing all Neceſſaries for the Life of Man. It is about 16 Leagues in Compaſs, and has no firm Land or Continent within 300 Leagues, nay not ſo much as an Iſland within an hundred Leagues of it; ſo that it may ſeem a Miracle of Nature, that out of ſo vaſt and tempeſtuous an Ocean, ſuch a ſmall Rock or Piece of Ground ſhould ariſe and diſcover itſelf. On the South is a good Harbour, and near it divers ſmall Houſes built by the *Portugueſe* to accommodate Strangers, with a pretty Chapel handſomely beautified with a Tower, and Bell therein. Near it is a Stream of excellent freſh Water, divers handſome Walks, planted on both Sides with Orange, Lemon, Pomegranate, Almond-Trees and the like, which bear Fruit all the Year, as do alſo divers others. There are Store of Garden Herbs, with Wheat, Peaſe, Barley, and moſt Kinds of Pulſe; but it chiefly aboundeth with Cattle and Fowl, as Goats, Swine, Sheep, Partridges, wild Hens, Pheaſants,

Pigeons, and wild Fowl beyond Credit; but eſpecially about *February* and *March* are to be ſeen huge Flocks of a kind of wild Swans, (whereof I ſhall have Occaſion to ſpeak more hereafter) who like our Cuckows and Nightingales, go away at a certain Seaſon, and are no more ſeen that Year.

On this happy Iſland did they ſet me aſhore with a *Negro* to attend me, where I recovered my Health, and continued a whole Year, ſolacing myſelf for want of human Society with Birds and brute Beaſts; *Diego* my Black moor was forced to live in a Cave at the Weſt End of the Iſle, for had we dwelt together, Victuals would not have been ſo plenty with us; but now, if one ſucceeded well in hunting or fowling, the other would find Means to treat him, and if both miſſed, we were fain to look out ſharply; but this ſeldom happened, ſince no Creature there fears a Man more than a Goat or Cow, whereby I eaſily tamed divers Kinds of Birds and Beaſts by only muzzling them, ſo that till they came either to me or *Diego* they could not feed. At firſt I much delighted in a Kind of Partridges, and a tame Fox, whereof I made good Uſe; for if I had Occaſion to confer with *Diego*, I would take one of them muzzled and hungry, and tying a Note about his Neck, beat him from me, whereupon he would ſtrait away to *Diego*'s Cave, and if he were not there, would beat about till he found him; yet this Conveyance being not without ſome Inconvenience, I perſuaded *Diego*, (who tho' a Fellow of good Parts, was content to be ruled by me) to remove to a Cape on the North-weſt Part of the Iſland, being though a League off, yet within Sight of my Houſe and Chapel, and ſo when the Weather was fair, we could by Signals declare our Minds to each other in an Inſtant either by Night or Day, wherein we took much

much Pleaſure. If in the Night I would ſignify any Thing to him, I ſet up a Light in the Bell Tower, which was a pretty large Room with a fair Window well glazed, and the Walls within plaiſtered white, ſo that though the Light were but ſmall, it made a great Show; after this Light had ſtood half an Hour, I covered it, and then if I ſaw any Signal of Light again from my Companion I knew he waited for my Notice, and ſo by hiding and ſhewing my Light according to the Agreement betwixt us, I certified him of what I pleaſed. In the Day I adverti ſed him by Smoke, Duſt, and other refined Ways.

After a while I grew weary of it as too painful, and again uſed my winged Meſſengers; upon the Shore, about the Mouth of our River, I found Store of a kind of wild Swans feeding upon Prey, both of Fiſh and Birds, and which is more ſtrange, having one Claw like an Eagle, and the other like a Swan. Theſe Birds breeding here in infinite Numbers, I took thirty or forty of them young, and bred them up by Hand for Recreation; yet not without ſome Thoughts of that Experiment which I after put in Practice. Theſe being ſtrong and able to continue a great Flight, I taught them firſt to come at Call afar off, not uſing any Noiſe, but only ſhewing them a white Cloth; and here I found it true what *Plutarch* affirms, *That Creatures which eat Fleſh are more docible than others.* 'Tis wonderful to think what Tricks I taught them ere they were a Quarter old, amongſt others I uſed them by Degrees to fly with Burdens, wherein I found them able beyond Belief, and a white Sheet being diſplayed to them by *Diego*, upon the Side of a Hill, they would carry from me to him Bread, Fleſh, or whatever I pleaſed, and upon the like Call come to me again. Having proceeded thus

far, I conſulted how to join a Number of them together, ſo as to carry a heavier Weight, which if I could compaſs, I might enable a Man to be carried ſafely in the Air from one Place to another. I puzzled my Wits extremely with this Thought, and upon Trial found, that if many were put to the bearing of one great Burthen, by reaſon it was impoſſible all of them ſhould riſe together juſt at one Inſtant, the firſt that riſe finding himſelf ſtayed by a Weight heavier than he could ſtir, would ſoon give over, and ſo the ſecond, third, and all the reſt. I contrived at laſt a Way whereby each might riſe with only his own Proportion of Weight; I faſtened about each *Ganſa* a little Pulley of Cork, and putting a String of a juſt Length through it, I faſtened one End to a Block of almoſt eight Pounds Weight, and tied a two Pound Weight to the other End of the String, and then cauſing the Signal to be erected, they all aroſe together, being four in Number, and carried away my Block to the Place appointed. This hitting ſo luckily, I added two or three Birds more, and made Trial of their carrying a Lamb, whoſe Happineſs I much envied, that he ſhould be the firſt living Creature to partake of ſuch an excellent Device.

At length after divers Trials, I was ſurprized with a great Longing to cauſe myſelf to be carried in the ſame Manner, *Diego* my Moor was likewiſe poſſeſſed with the ſame Deſire, and had I not loved him well, and wanted his Service, I ſhould have reſented his ambitious Thought; for I count it greater Honour to have been the firſt *Flying Man*, than to be another *Neptune* who firſt adventured to ſail on the Sea. Yet ſeeming not to underſtand his Intention, I only told him, that all my *Ganſas* were not ſtrong enough to carry him, being a Man though of no great Bulk, yet twice heavier than myſelf.

myſelf. Having prepared all Neceſſaries, I one Time placed myſelf and all my Utenſils on the Top of a Rock at the River's Mouth, and putting myſelf upon my Engine at full Sea, I cauſed *Diego* to advance the Signal, whereupon my Birds, twenty five in Number, roſe all at once, and carried me over luſtily to the Rock on the other Side, being about a Quarter of a League; I choſe this Time and Place, becauſe if any Thing had fallen out contrary to Expectation, the worſt that could happen was only falling into the Water, and being able to ſwim well, I hoped to receive little Hurt in my Fall. When I was once ſafe over, O how did my Heart even ſwell with Joy and Admiration at my own Invention; how often did I wiſh myſelf in the Midſt of *Spain*, that I might fill the World with the Fame of my Glory and Renown? Every Hour I had a longing Deſire for the coming of the *Indian* Fleet to take me home with them, which then ſtaid three Months beyond their uſual Time: At length they arrived, being three Carricks much weather-beaten, the Men ſick and weak, and ſo were conſtrained to refreſh themſelves in our Iſland a whole Month. The Admiral was called *Alphonſo de Xima*, a valiant, wiſe Man, deſirous of Glory, and worthy better Fortune than afterwards befel him; to him I diſcovered my Device of the *Ganſas*, being ſatisfied, that it was impoſſible otherwiſe to perſuade him to take ſo many Birds into his Ship, who for the Niceneſs of their Proviſion would be more troubleſome than ſo many Men; yet I adjured him by Oaths and Perſuaſions to be ſecret in the Buſineſs, though I did not much doubt it, aſſuring myſelf he durſt not impart the Experiment to any before our King were acquainted therewith. I had more Apprehenſion leſt Ambition, and the Deſire of gaining to himſelf the Honour of ſo admirable

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an Invention, ſhould tempt him to diſpatch me. However I was forced to run the Riſque unleſs I would adventure the Loſs of my Birds, the like whereof for my Purpoſe were not to be had in Chriſtendom, nor was I ſure ever to bring up others to ſerve my Turn.

It happened all theſe Doubts were cauſeleſs, the Man I believe was honeſt, but the Misfortune we met with prevented all theſe Thoughts. *Thurſday*, *June* 21, 1599, we ſet Sail for *Spain*, I having allowed me a convenient Cabin for my Birds, and Engine, which the Captain would have perſuaded me to have left behind, and it was a Wonder I did not, but my good Fortune ſaved my Life, for after two Months Sail we met with an *Engliſh* Fleet about 10 Leagues from the Iſland of *Teneriff*, one of the *Canaries*, famous for a Hill therein called *Pico*, which is ſeen at Sea above an hundred Leagues off. We had aboard five Times their number of Men, all in Health, and were well provided with Ammunition; yet finding them reſolved to fight, and knowing what infinite Riches we carried, concluded it better if poſſible to eſcape, than by encountering a Crew of deſperate Fellows, to hazard not only our Lives, which a Man of Courage does not value, but the Eſtates of many poor Merchants, who I am afraid were undone by the Miſcarriage of this Buſineſs. Our Fleet conſiſted of five Sail, that is, three Carricks, a Bark, and a Caravel, who coming from St. *Thomas Iſle*, had in an ill Hour overtaken us ſome Days before. The *Engliſh* had three Ships well provided, who no ſooner ſpied but preſently engaged us, and changing their Courſe, endeavoured to bring us under their Lee, which they might eaſily do as the Wind then ſtood, they being light nimble Veſſels, as *Engliſh* Ships generally are;

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ours heavy, deep laden, and foul with the Sea: So our Captain reſolved, wiſely enough it may be, not neither valiantly nor fortunately, to fly, commanding us to diſperſe ourſelves. The Caravel by too much Haſte fell upon one of the Carricks and bruiſed her ſo, that one of the *Engliſh* eaſily fetched her up and entered her, the Caravel ſinking before our Eyes. The Bark eſcaped unpurſued, and another of our Carricks after ſome Chaſe was given over by the Enemy, who expecting a ſufficient Booty of us, and getting us between them, fell upon us with much Fury; our Captain hereupon gave Direction to run aſhore upon *Teneriff*, the Port whereof we could not recover, ſaying, "That he hoped to ſave Part of the Goods, and ſome of our Lives, and he had rather the reſt ſhould be loſt, than all fall into the Mercy of our Foes."

When I heard this Reſolution, obſerving the Sea to work high, and knowing all the Coaſt to be ſo full of Rocks and Shoals, that it was impoſſible our Ship ſhould come near the Land, unleſs broken into a thouſand Pieces, I repreſented to the Captain the Deſperateneſs of the Attempt, wiſhing him rather to try the Kindneſs of the Enemy, than throw away himſelf and ſo many brave Men; but he would by no Remonſtrances be removed from his Reſolution, therefore finding it high Time to ſhift for myſelf, I locked up my little Caſket of Jewels, which putting into my Sleeve, I then betook me to my *Ganſas*, and having harneſſed them to my Engine, and put myſelf thereon, ſuppoſing, as indeed it happened, that when the Ship ſhould ſplit, my Birds, though they wanted their Signal, yet for ſaving their own Lives, which Nature hath taught all Creatures to preſerve, would make toward Land, which fell out

out according to my Expectation; the People in the Ship wondered what I was doing, none being acquainted with the uſe of my Birds but the Captain, *Diego* being in the other Ship which fled away unpurſued; we were about half a League from Land, when our Carrick ſtruck upon a Rock, and ſplit to Pieces, upon which I let looſe the Reins to my Birds, having firſt placed myſelf upon the Top of the Deck, and with the Shock they all aroſe carrying me fortunately to the Land; of which you need not doubt but I was very joyful, though it was a miſerable Sight to behold my Friends and Acquaintance in that woful Diſtreſs, of whom yet many eſcaped better than they expected, for the *Engliſh* launching out their Cock-boats, diſcovered more generous Tempers than we are pleaſed to allow them, taking Compaſſion of their Calamity, and endeavouring with all Diligence to ſave them from the Fury of the Waves, though with much Danger to themſelves; among others they took up our Captain, who, as Father *Pacio* ſince told me, having put himſelf with twelve others into the Cock-boat, was forced to yield to one Captain *Raymund*, who carried him and our Pilot along with them in their Voyage to the *Eaſt-Indies*, whither they were bound, but it was their hard Fate, by a Breach of the Sea near Cape *Buona Eſperanca*, to be ſwallowed of the mercileſs Waves, whoſe Rage they awhile before had ſo hardly eſcaped; the reſt as I likewiſe heard, who were about twenty ſix Perſons they took into their Ship, and ſet them on Land at *Cape Verde*.

As for myſelf, being now aſhore in an Iſland inhabited by *Spaniards*, I reckoned I was ſafe, but found myſelf miſtaken, for it was my hap to pitch upon that Part of the Iſle where the *Pike* begins to riſe, which is inhabited by a Savage People

People who live upon the Sides of that Hill, the Top whereof is for the moſt Part covered with Snow, and formerly accounted, for its Steepneſs, inacceſſible, either for Man or Beaſt, yet theſe Savages fearing the *Spaniards* keep as near the Top as they can, never coming down into the fruitful Vallies but to ſeek for Booty; a Crew of theſe Out laws happened to ſpy me ſoon after I landed, and thinking they had got a Prize, approached me with all Speed; I gueſt their Deſign before they came within half a Mile, when perceiving them come down the Hill directly toward me, with long Staves and other Weapons, I thought it neceſſary to ſecure myſelf from theſe Villains, who out of Hatred to us *Spaniards*, would have cut me to Pieces; the Country was ſandy, but the *Pike* beginning to lift up itſelf, I eſpied in the Side a white Cliff, which I hoped my *Ganzas* would take for a Mark, and being put up, would make all that way, whereby I might be carried ſo far, that thoſe barbarous Raſcals ſhould not overtake me, before I got to ſome *Spaniard*'s Houſe, or hid myſelf, till by the Covert of the Night I might travel to *Laguna*, the chief City of the Iſland, three Miles off. So I ſettled myſelf upon my Engine, and let looſe the Reins to my *Ganſas*, who by good Fortune took all one Courſe, tho' not juſt the Way I aimed at. But what of that! O Reader prick up thy Ears, and prepare thyſelf to hear the ſtrangeſt Chance that ever happened to any Mortal, and which I know thou wilt not have the Grace to believe till thou ſeeſt the like Experiment, which I doubt not in a ſhort Time may be performed. My *Ganſas*, like ſo many Horſes that had gotten the Bit between their Teeth, made not their Flight toward the Cliff I intended, though I uſed my wonted Means to direct the Leader of

the Flock that Way, but with Might and Main took up toward the Top of the *Pike*, and never ſtopt till they came there, a Place in vulgar Eſtimation (though ſince experimentally contradicted) fifteen Miles in Height. What kind of Place this was I would gladly relate, but that I haſten to Matters of greater Importance: When I was ſet down there, my poor *Ganſas* fell to panting, blowing, and gaping for Breath as if they would all have died, ſo I did not trouble them awhile, forbearing to draw them in, which they never uſed to endure without ſtruggling, but little did I expect what followed.

It was now the Seaſon that theſe Birds take their Flight away, as our Cuckows and Swallows do in *Spain* towards *Autumn*, and as I afterwards found, being mindful of their uſual Voyage, juſt when I began to ſettle myſelf to take them in, they with one Conſent roſe up, and having no other higher Place to make toward, to my unſpeakable Fear and Amazement, ſtruck bolt upright, and never left towring upward, ſtill higher and higher, for the Space, as I gueſt, of an Hour, after which I thought they laboured leſs than before, till at length, ah wonderful! they remained immoveable, as ſteadily as if they had ſat upon ſo many Perches; the Lines ſlacked, neither I, nor the Engine moved at all, but continued ſtill, as having no Manner of Weight. I found then by Experience, what no Philoſopher ever dreamt of, namely, that thoſe Things we call heavy do not fall towards the Center of the Earth as their natural Place, but are drawn by a ſecret Property of the Globe of the Earth, or rather ſomething within it, as the Loadſtone draweth Iron, which is within the Compaſs of its attractive Beams. For though my *Ganſas* could continue unmoved, without being ſuſtained by

by any Thing but the Air, as eaſily and quietly as a Fiſh in the Water, yet if they forced themſelves never ſo little, it is impoſſible to imagine with what Swiftneſs they were carried, either Upward, Downward, or Sideways; I muſt ingenuouſly confeſs my Horror and Amazement in this Place was ſuch, that had I not been armed with a true *Spaniſh* Reſolution, I ſhould certainly have died for Fear.

The next Thing that diſturbed me was the Swiftneſs of the Motion, which was ſo extraordinary, that it almoſt ſtopt my Breath, if I ſhould liken it to an Arrow out of a Bow, or a Stone thrown down from the Top of an high Tower, it would come vaſtly ſhort of it; another Thing was exceeding troubleſome to me, that is the Illuſions of Devils and wicked Spirits, who the firſt Day of my Arrival came about me in great Numbers in the Likeneſs of Men and Women, wondering at me like ſo many Birds about an Owl, and ſpeaking ſeveral Languages which I underſtood not, till at laſt I met with ſome that ſpoke good *Spaniſh*, ſome *Dutch*, and others *Italian*, all which I underſtood; and here I had only a Touch of the Sun's Abſence once for a ſhort Time, having him ever after in my Sight. Now though my *Ganſas* were entangled in my Lines, yet they eaſily ſeized upon divers Kinds of Flies and Birds, eſpecially Swallows and Cuckows, whereof there were Multitudes, even like Motes in the Sun, though I never ſaw them eat any Thing at all. I was much obliged to thoſe, whether Men or Devils I know not, who among divers Diſcourſes told me, "If I would follow "their Directions, I ſhould not only be carried "ſafe Home, but be aſſured to command at all "Times all the Pleaſures of that Place." To which Motion, not daring to give a flat Denial, I deſired Time to conſider, and withal indebted

them, (though I felt no Hunger at all, which may ſeem ſtrange) to help me to ſome Victuals, leaſt I ſhould ſtarve in my Journey; ſo they readily brought me very good Fleſh and Fiſh of ſeveral Sorts, and well dreſſed, but that it was extreme freſh without any Reliſh of Salt. Wines likewiſe I taſted of divers Kinds as good as any in *Spain*, and Beer no better in all *Antwerp*. They adviſed me, that while I had Opportunity I ſhould make my Proviſions, telling me, that till the next *Thurſday* they could help me to no more, at which Time they would find Means to carry me back, and ſet me ſafe in *Spain*, in any Place I would deſire, provided I would become one of their Fraternity, and enter into ſuch Covenants as they had made to their Captain and Maſter, whom they would not name: I anſwered civily, "I ſaw little Reaſon to rejoice "in ſuch an Offer, deſiring them to be mindful "of me as Occaſion ſerved;" ſo for that Time I was rid of them; having firſt furniſhed my Pockets with as much Victuals as I could thruſt in, among which I would be ſure to find a Place for a ſmall Bottle of good Canary.

I ſhall now declare the Quality of the Place wherein I was: The Clouds I perceived to be all under between me and the Earth. The Stars, becauſe it was always Day, I ſaw at all Times alike, not ſhining bright, as we ſee in the Night upon Earth, but of a whitiſh Colour, like the Moon with us in the Day-Time, thoſe that were ſeen, which were not many, ſhewed far greater than with us, yea, as I gueſſed no leſs than ten Times bigger: As for the Moon, being then within two Days of the Change, ſhe appeared of an huge and dreadful Greatneſs. It is not to be forgot, that no Stars appeared but on that Part of the Hemiſphere next the Moon, and the nearer to her, the larger they appeared

peared again; whether I lay quiet and reſted, or were carried in the Air, I perceived myſelf to be always directly between the Moon and the Earth, whereby 'tis plain, that my *Ganſas* took their Way directly toward the Moon, and that when we reſted, as we did at firſt for many Hours, either we were inſenſibly carried round about the Globe of the Earth, though I perceived no ſuch Motion, or elſe that, according to the Opinion of *Copernicus*, the Earth is carried about, and turneth round perpetually from Weſt to Eaſt, leaving to the Planets only that Motion which the Aſtronomers call natural, and is not upon the Poles of the Equinoctial, commonly called the Poles of the World, but upon thoſe of the Zodiac; the Air in that Place I found without any Wind, and exceeding temperate, neither Hot nor Cold, where neither the Sun Beams had any Object to reflect upon, nor the Earth and Water appear to affect the Air with their natural Quality of Coldneſs; as for the Philoſophers attributing Heat and Moiſture to the Air, I always eſteemed it a Fancy: Laſtly, I remember that after my Departure from the Earth, I never felt either Hunger or Thirſt, whether the Purity of the Air, freed from the Vapours of the Earth and Water, might yield Nature ſufficient Nouriſhment, or what elſe might be the Cauſe I cannot determine, but ſo I found it, though I was perfectly in Health both of Body and Mind, even above my uſual Vigour.

Some Hours after the Departure of that Deviliſh Company, my *Ganſas* began to beſtir themſelves, ſtill directing their Courſe toward the Globe or Body of the Moon, making their Way with ſuch incredible Swiftneſs, that I conceive they advanced little leſs than fifty Leagues in an Hour, in which Paſſage I obſerved three Things very remarkable, one that

that the farther we went the leſs the Globe of the Earth appeared to us, and that of the Moon ſtill larger: Again the Earth, which I had ever in mine Eye, ſeemed to maſk itſelf with a kind of Brightneſs like another Moon, and as we diſcern certain Spots or Clouds as it were in the Moon, ſo did I then ſee the like in the Earth; but whereas the Form of theſe Spots in the Moon are always the ſame, theſe on the Earth ſeemed by Degrees to change every Hour; the Reaſon whereof ſeems to be, that whereas the Earth according to his natural Motion (for ſuch a Motion I am now ſatisfied ſhe hath according to the Opinion of *Copernicus*) turns round upon her own Axis every four and twenty Hours from Weſt to Eaſt) I ſhould at firſt ſee in the Middle of the Body of this new Star the Earth, a Spot like a Pear, with a Morſel bit out on one Side, in ſome Hours I ſhould obſerve this Spot move away toward the Eaſt: This no doubt was the main Land of *Africa*; then might I perceive a great ſhining Brightneſs in that Place which continued about the ſame Time, and was queſtionleſs the vaſt *Atlantick* Ocean: After this ſucceeded a Spot almoſt Oval, juſt as we ſee *America* deſcribed in our Maps, then another immenſe Clearneſs, repreſenting *Mare del zar* or the *South Sea*; laſtly, a number of Spots like the Countries and Iſlands in the *Eaſt-Indies*, ſo that it ſeemed to me no other than an huge mathematical Globe turned round leiſurely before me, wherein ſucceſſively all the Countries of our earthly World were within twenty-four Hours repreſented to my View, and this was all the Means I now had to number the Days, and reckon the Time.

I could now wiſh that Philoſophers and Mathematicians would confeſs their own Blindneſs, who have hitherto made the World believe that the Earth

Earth hath no Motion, and to confirm it, are forced to attribute to every one of the celeſtial Bodies two Motions directly contrary to each other, one from the Eaſt to the Weſt, to be performed in twenty-four Hours with an impetuous rapid Motion; the other from Weſt to Eaſt in ſeveral Proportions: O incredible Suppoſition! that thoſe huge Bodies of the fixed Stairs in the higheſt Orb, whereof they confeſs divers, are above an hundred Times bigger than the whole Earth, ſhould like ſo many Nails in a Cart-wheel be whirled about in ſo ſhort a Time; whereas it is many thouſand Years, no leſs (ſay they) than thirty thouſand, before that Orb finiſhes his Courſe from Weſt to Eaſt, which they call his natural Motion; now whereas they allow their natural Courſe from Weſt to Eaſt to every one of them, therein they do well; the Moon performs it in ſeven and twenty Days, the *Sun*, *Venus* and *Mercury* in a Year or thereabout, *Mars* in three Years, *Jupiter* in twelve, and *Saturn* in thirty. But to attribute to theſe celeſtial Bodies contrary Motions at once, is an abſurd Conceit, and much more to imagine, that the ſame Orb wherein the fixed Stars are, whoſe natural Courſe takes up ſo many thouſands of Years, ſhould be turned about every twenty-four Hours. I will not go ſo far as *Copernicus*, who makes the Sun the Center of the Earth and immoveable, neither will I be poſitive in any Thing, only this I ſay, allow the Earth its Motion, which theſe Eyes of mine can teſtify to be true, and all thoſe Abſurdities are removed, every one having only his own ſingle and proper Motion.

But where am I? I promiſed an Hiſtory, and am unawares turned Diſputer. One Accident more befell me worth mentioning, that during my Stay I ſaw a kind of a reddiſh Cloud coming toward me,

me, and continually approaching nearer, which at laſt I perceived was nothing but a huge Swarm of Locuſts. He that reads the Diſcourſes of learned Men concerning them, as *John Leo* of *Africa*, and others who relate that they are ſeen in the Air ſeveral Days before they fall on the Earth, and adds thereto this Experience of mine, will eaſily conclude, that they can come from no other Place than the Globe of the Moon. But now give me leave to go on quietly in my Journey for eleven or twelve Days, during all which Time I was carried directly toward the Globe or Body of the Moon, with ſuch a violent Whirling as is inexpreſſible, for I cannot imagine a Bullet out of a Cannon could make Way through the vaporous and muddy Air near the Earth with half that Celerity; which is the more ſtrange, ſince my *Ganſas* moved their Wings but now and then, and ſometimes for a quarter of an Hour not at all, only holding them ſtretched out, as we ſee Kites, and Eagles ſometimes do for a ſhort Space; during which Pauſes, I ſuppoſe they took their Naps, and Times of Sleeping, for other Times I could perceive they never had any; for myſelf I was ſo faſtened to mine Engine, that I durſt ſlumber enough to ſerve my Turn, which I took with as great Eaſe, as if I had lain on the beſt Down-bed in *Spain*.

After eleven Days Paſſage in this violent Flight, I perceived we began to approach to another Earth (if I may ſo call it) being the Globe or very Body of that Star which we call the Moon. The firſt Difference I found between this and our Earth was, that it appeared in its natural Colours, as ſoon as ever I was free from the Attraction of the Earth; whereas with us, a Thing a League or two from us, puts on that deadly Colour of Blue. I then perceived

perceived alſo that this World was the greateſt Part covered with a huge mighty Sea, thoſe Parts only being dry Land which are to us ſomewhat darker than the reſt of her Body, I mean, what the Country People call, *The Man in the Moon*, and that Part which ſhines ſo bright is another Ocean beſprinkled with Iſlands, which for their Smallneſs we cannot diſcern ſo far off; ſo that the Splendor which appears to us in the Night, is nothing but the Reflection of the Sun-beams returned to us out of the Water as from a Lookinglaſs. How much this diſagrees with what our Philoſophers teach in the Schools is evident: But alas, how many of their Errors hath Time and Experience in this our Age, and among other vain Conjectures, who hath not hitherto believed the upper Region of the Air to be very hot; as being next, forſooth, to the natural Place of the Element of Fire; meer Vanities, Fancies and Dreams: For after I was once free from the attractive Beams of that tyrannous Load-ſtone the Earth, I found the Air altogether ſerene, without Winds, Rain, Miſts or Clouds, neither hot nor cold, but conſtantly pleaſant, calm and comfortable, till my Arrival in that *New World of the Moon*; as for that Region of Fire, our Philoſophers talk of, I heard no News of it, mine Eyes have ſufficiently informed me there is no ſuch Thing.

The Earth had now by turning about ſhewed me all her Parts twelve Times, when I finiſhed my Courſe; for when my Reckoning it ſeemed to be (as indeed it was) *Tueſday, September* 11, at which Time the Moon being two Days old was in the twentieth Degree of *Libra*) my *Ganſas* ſeemed by one Conſent to ſtay their Courſe, and reſted for certain Hours, after which they took their Flight, and in leſs than an Hour ſet me on the Top of an

high Hill in that *Other World*, where many wonderful Things were preſented to my Sight. For I obſerved firſt, that though the Globe of the Earth appeared much greater there than the Moon doth to us, even three Times bigger, yet all Things there were ten, twenty, yea thirty Times larger than ours; their Trees were thrice as high, and above five Times broader and thicker; ſo were their Herbs, Birds, and Beaſts, though I cannot well compare them to ours, becauſe I found not any kind of Beaſt or Bird there which any way reſembled ours, except Swallows, Nightingales, Cuckoos, Woodcocks, Batts, and ſome kind of Wild Fowl: And likewiſe ſuch Birds as my *Ganſas*, all which, as I now perceived, ſpend their Time in their Abſence from us, in that World, neither do they differ in any Thing from ours, but are the very ſame kind.

No ſooner was I upon the Ground, but I found myſelf extreme hungry; ſtepping then to the next Tree, I faſtened my Engine and *Ganzas* thereto, and in great Haſte fell to examining my Pockets for the Victuals I had reſerved there; but to my great Surprize and Vexation, inſtead of Partridges and Capons, which I thought I had hoarded there, I found nothing but a Medley of dry Leaves, Goats Hair, Sheep or Goats Dung, Moſs, and the like; my Canary-wine was turned, and ſtunk like Horſe-piſs: O the Villainy and Cheats of theſe curſed Spirits, whoſe Aſſiſtance if I had depended on, in what a Condition had I been! While I ſtood muſing at this ſtrange Matamorphoſis, on a ſudden I heard my *Ganſas* fluttering behind me, and looking back, I ſpied them falling greedily upon a Shrub within the Reach of their Lines, whoſe Leaves they fed earneſtly upon, whereas before I had never ſeen them eat any green

green Thing whatever; ſo ſtepping to the Shrub, I put a Leaf to my Mouth; the Taſte was ſo excellent, that I cannot expreſs it, and if I had not with Diſcretion moderated my Appetite, I ſhould have ſurfeited thereon; yet it happened to be a good Bait both for me and my Birds, when we had moſt Need of Refreſhment.

Scarce had we ended our Banquet, when I ſaw myſelf ſurrounded with a ſtrange kind of People both in Feature, Manners, and Apparel; their Stature was very different, but they were generally twice as high as ours; their Shape and Countenance pleaſant, and their Habit hardly to be deſcribed; for I never ſaw either Cloth, Silk, nor other Stuff, like that whereof their Cloths were made; neither can I poſſibly relate their Colour, they being in a manner all cloathed alike; it was neither Black, White, Yellow, Red nor Blue, nor any Colour compoſed of theſe: If you aſk what was it then? I muſt tell you, it was a Colour never ſeen in our earthly World, and ſo neither to be deſcribed nor conceived by us; for as it is hard to make a Man born blind underſtand the Difference between Green and Blue, ſo neither can I decypher this Moon-colour, as having no Affinity with any I ever beheld; I can only ſay it was the moſt glorious and delightful that can be imagined, neither was any Thing more pleaſant to me during my Stay there.

Being ſurprized at the Appearance of theſe People ſo ſuddenly and in ſuch Accoutrements, I croſſed myſelf, and cried out, *Jeſu Maria:* No ſooner was the Word *Jeſu* pronounced, but Young and Old fell all on their Knees (whereat I not a little rejoiced) holding up their Hands on high, and repeating certain Words which I underſtood not; and preſently riſing again, one much taller

than the reſt came and kindly embraced me, and ordering, as I perceived, ſome of the reſt to attend my Birds, he took me by the Hand, and led me to his Dwelling, down toward the Foot of the Hill, which was a Building ſo great and beautiful, as nothing in our World is comparable thereto; yet afterward I ſaw ſuch as this ſeemed but a Cottage in reſpect of them; there was no Door about the Houſe leſs than thirty Foot high, and twelve broad, the Rooms were forty or fifty Foot in Height, and anſwerable in Proportion; neither could they be much leſs, the Maſter thereof being full twenty-eight high, and I ſuppoſe his Body would weigh twenty-five or thirty of ours: After I had reſted with him about one of our Days, he led me five Leagues off to the Palace of the Prince of the Country, the Statelineſs whereof I have not now Leiſure to deſcribe; this Prince was much taller than the former, and called (as near as I can by Letters declare it, for their Sounds are not perfectly to be expreſſed by our Characters) *Pylonas*, which in their Language is *Firſt* or *Chief*, if it doth not rather denote his Authority and Dignity, as being the Principal Man in all thoſe Parts; though yet there is one Supreme Monarch amongſt them, much greater of Stature than he, commanding over all that whole World, having under him twenty-nine other Princes of great Power; and every one of theſe has twenty-four inferior Governors, whereof this *Pylonas* was one. The firſt Anceſtor of this great Monarch came out of the Earth, as they relate, and by marrying the Heireſs of that vaſt Monarchy obtaining the Government, left it to his Poſterity, who have enjoyed it ever ſince, even forty thouſand Moons, which is 3077 Years: His Name was *Irdonezur*, whoſe Heirs to this Day aſſume the ſame Name; he, they ſay,

ſay, having continued there about four hundred Moons, and begot divers Children, returned (though by what Means they know not) to the Earth again. I doubt they have their Fables as well as we, ſince our Hiſtorians never mention any earthly Man to have been in that World before myſelf, and much leſs to have returned again. I cannot therefore but condemn this Tradition as falſe and romantick, though I found Learning was in great Eſteem among them, and they ſeem to deteſt Lying and Falſhood, which is there ſeverely puniſhed, and which may yield ſome Credit to their hiſtorical Narrations. Many of them live wonderful long, even beyond Belief, affirming to me, that ſome ſurvived thirty thouſand Moons, which is above a thouſand Years, ſo that the Ages of three or four Men might eaſily reach to the Time of the firſt *Irdonozur*, and this is generally noted, that the taller People are of Stature, the more excellent are their Endowments of Mind, and the longer Time they live; for their Stature is very different, great Numbers not much exceeding ours, who ſeldom live above a thouſand Moons, which is fourſcore of our Years; theſe they account baſe, unworthy Creatures, but one Degree above brute Beaſts, and employ in mean and ſervile Offices, calling them Baſtards, Counterfeits or Changlings: Thoſe whom they account true *Natural Lunars or Moon Men*, exceed ours generally thirty Times, both in Quantity of Body, and Length of Life, proportionable to the Quality of the Day in both Worlds, theirs containing almoſt thirty of our Days.

The manner of our Travel to the Palace of *Pylonas* was more ſtrange and incredible than any thing we have related, for at our firſt ſetting forth there were delivered to each of us two Feather Fans, like

like thoſe our Ladies in *Spain* cool themſelves with in Summer: You muſt underſtand, that the Globe of the Moon has likewiſe an attractive Power, yet ſo much weaker than the Earth, that if a Man do but ſpring upward with all his Strength, as Dancers do in ſhewing their Tricks, he will be able to mount fifty or ſixty Foot high; and being then above all Attraction from the Moon's Earth, he falls down no more, but by the Help of theſe Fans, as with Wings, they convey themſelves in the Air in a ſhort Space, (though not quite ſo ſwift as Birds) whither they pleaſe. In two hours Time (as I could gueſs) by the Help of theſe Fans, we were carried through the Air thoſe five Leagues, in all about ſixty Perſons. Being arrived at the Palace of *Pylonas*, after our Conductor had declared what manner of Preſent he had brought, I was called in to him by his Attendants: By the Statelineſs of his Palace, and the Reverence done him, I ſoon perceived his Greatneſs, and managed my Affairs in order to procure his Favour accordingly; and having, as you may remember, a certain little Box or Caſket of Jewels, the Remainder of thoſe I brought from the *Eaſt-Indies*, before I was introduced I ſecretly took them out of my Pocket, and chuſing ſome of each ſort, I made them ready to be preſented as I ſhould think convenient.

I found him ſitting in a magnificent Chair of State, with his Wife or Queen on one Hand, and his Eldeſt Son on the other, one attended by a Troop of Ladies, and the other of young Men, and all along the Side of the Room ſtood a great Number of handſome Perſonages, whereof ſcarce one was lower of Stature than *Pylonas*, whoſe Age they report is now one and twenty thouſand Moons. At my Entrance I fell on my Knees, and taking out my Jewels, I preſented to the King ſeven Stones

Stones of ſeveral Sorts, a Diamond, a Ruby, an Emerald, a Saphire, a Topaz and an Opal, which he accepted with Joy and Admiration. Then I offered the Queen and Prince ſome others, and deſigned to have beſtowed divers more upon his Attendants; but *Pylonas* forbid them to accept any, ſuppoſing, as I heard, they were all I had, which he would have me reſerve for *Irdonozur* his Sovereign: He then embraced me with much Endearedneſs, and enquired divers Things by Signs, which I anſwered in the ſame manner to the beſt of my Skill; which not contenting him, he delivered me to the Guard of 100 of his Giants as I may well call them, ſtrictly charging them, that I ſhould want nothing fit for me; that they ſhould ſuffer none of the *Dwarf Lunars*, or *little Moon Men*, to come near me. That I ſhould be inſtructed in their Language, and laſtly, that they ſhould by no Means impart to me the Knowledge of ſeveral Things by him ſpecified, what they were I could never underſtand. It may be you long to know what *Pylonas* enquired of me: Why, what ſhould it be but, whence I came, how I arrived there, what was my Name and Buſineſs, with the like; to all which I anſwered as near the Truth as poſſible.

Being diſmiſt, I was provided with all Neceſſaries as my Heart could wiſh, ſo that I ſeemed to be in a Paradiſe, the Pleaſures whereof did not yet ſo tranſport me, but I was much concerned with the Thoughts of my Wife and Children, and ſtill retaining ſome Hope that I might again return to them; I tended my *Ganſas* daily with much Care; which yet had ſignified little, if other Men had not done more than I could: For now the Time came when of Neceſſity all People of our Stature, and myſelf likewiſe, muſt needs ſleep thirteen or four-

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teen whole Days together; for by a Secret and irreſiſtible Decree of Nature, when the Day begins to appear, and the Moon to be enlightened by the Sun Beams, which is in the firſt Quarter of the Moon, all People of our Stature inhabiting theſe Parts fall into a dead Sleep, and are not poſſibly to be awakened till the Sun ſet, and is withdrawn; for as Owls and Bats with us cannot endure the Light, ſo at the firſt Approach of Day we begin to be amazed therewith, and fall into a Slumber, which grows by Degrees into a dead Sleep till the Light be gone, which is in fourteen or fifteen Days, that is till the laſt Quarter. During the Sun's Abſence, there is a twofold Light, one of the Sun, which I could not endure to behold, and another of the Earth: Now that of the Earth was at the Height, for when the Moon is at the Change, then is the Earth a full Moon to them, and as the Moon increaſeth with us, ſo the Light of the Earth decreaſeth with them. I found the Light, though the Sun was abſent, equal to that with us in the Day when the Sun is clouded; but toward the Quarter it daily diminiſheth, yet leaving ſtill a competent Light, which ſeems very ſtrange; though not ſo remarkable as what they there report, that in the other Hemiſphere of the Moon, contrary to that I fell upon, where during half the Moon they ſee not the Sun, and the Earth never appears to them, they have yet a kind of Light, not unlike our Moon-Light, which it ſeems the Nearneſs of the Stars, and other Planets that are at a far leſs Diſtance than from us, affords them.

You muſt underſtand, that of the *true Lunars* or *Moon Men* there are three Kinds, ſome a little taller than we, as perhaps ten or twelve Foot high, theſe can endure the Day of the Moon, when the Earth ſhines but little, but not the Beams of both,

both, and ſo then muſt be laid aſleep: Others are twenty Foot high or above, who can ſuffer all the Light both of the Earth and Sun. There are in a certain Iſland (the Myſteries whereof are carefully concealed) Men whoſe Stature is at leaſt twenty-ſeven Foot high: If any other come to land there in the Moon's Day time, they inſtantly fall aſleep: This is called *Inſula Martini*, and hath a particular Governor, who as they report is ſixty-five thouſand Moons old, which makes five thouſand of our Years: His Name is ſaid to be *Hirucb*, and he in a manner commands *Irdonozur* himſelf, eſpecially in that Iſland out of which he never removes: There is another comes often thither, who they ſay is not above half his Age, that is about thirty-three thouſand Moons, or two thouſand ſix hundred of our Years, and he orders all Things through the Globe of the Moon in Matters of Religion, as abſolutely as the Pope doth in any Part of *Italy*; I would fain have ſeen this Man, but was not permitted to come near him, his Name is *Imozes*.

Now let me ſettle myſelf to a long Night's Sleep, to which End my Attendants take Charge of my Birds, prepare my Lodging, and ſignify to me by Signs how I muſt order myſelf. It was then about the Middle of *September*, when I perceived the Air more clear than ordinary, and with the Increaſe of the Light I began to feel myſelf firſt dull and then heavy to Sleep, though I had not been lately diſturbed of my Reſt: At length I delivered myſelf into the Cuſtody of this Siſter of Death, whoſe Priſoner I was for almoſt a Fortnight after, and then awaking, it is not to be believed how briſk and vigorous I found the Faculties both of my Body and Mind; I then applied myſelf to learning the Language, which is the ſame throughout all the Regions of the Moon, yet not ſo wonderful, ſince I believe all

the Earth of the Moon does not amount to the fortieth Part of our inhabited Earth, partly becauſe the Globe of the Moon is far leſs, and beſides the Sea or Ocean covers very nigh three Parts of four, whereas the Land and Sea in our World may be judged of an equal Meaſure. Their Language is very difficult, ſince it hath no Affinity with any other I ever heard, and conſiſts not ſo much of Words and Letters, as Tunes and ſtrange Sounds which no Letters can expreſs, for there are few Words but ſignify ſeveral Things, and are diſtinguiſhed only by their Sounds, which are ſung as it were in uttering; yea many Words conſiſt of Tunes only, without Words: By Occaſion whereof I find a Language may be framed, and eaſily learned, as copious as any other in the World only of Tunes, which is an Experiment worth ſearching after: Notwithſtanding theſe Difficulties, within two Months I attained to ſuch Knowledge therein, that I underſtood moſt Queſtions demanded of me, and with Signs and Words made reaſonable Shift to utter my Mind; which *Pylonas* having Notice of, he oft-times ſent for me, and was pleaſed to inform me of many Things my Guardians durſt not diſcloſe, though I muſt needs ſay I never found they abuſed me with an Untruth, but if I aſked a Queſtion they were unwilling to reſolve, they would ſhake their Heads, and with a *Spaniſh* Shrug divert to ſome other Diſcourſe.

After ſeven Months Time the great *Irdonozur*, making his Progreſs to a Place about two hundred Leagues from the Palace of *Pylonas*, ſent for me, yet would not admit me into his Preſence, but diſcourſed me through a Window, where I might hear him, and he hear and ſee me at Pleaſure. I preſented him the Remainder of my Jewels, which he thankfully accepted, ſaying, he would requite them with

with Gifts of a far more conſiderable Value. I ſtayed there above a Quarter of a Moon, when I was again ſent back to *Pylonas*, for if we had ſtayed a Day or two longer the Sun would have overtaken us before we could have recovered our Home. The Gifts he beſtowed on me were ſuch, that a Man would part with Mountains of Gold to purchaſe; they were all Stones, nine only in Number, of three Sorts, one called *Poleaſtis*, another *Macbrus*, and the third *Ebelus*, of each Sort three; the firſt are about the Bigneſs of an Hazle-nut, very like Jet, which among many other incredible Virtues hath this Property, that being once put in the Fire they ever after retain their Heat, though without any outward Appearance, till quenched with ſome kind of Liquor, which no way endamages them, though heated and cooled therein a thouſand Times; their Heat is ſo vehement, that it will make any Metal within a Foot of it red hot, and being in a Chimney warms the Room as if a great Fire were kindled therein. The *Macbrus* is yet more precious, in Colour like a *Topaz*, ſo clear and reſplendent, as though not above the Bigneſs of a Bean, yet being placed in the Night in the midſt of a large Church, it makes all as light as if an hundred Lamps were hanged round; can any Man wiſh for more uſeful Properties in a Stone than theſe? Yet my *Ebelus* is ſo excellent, that it may be much preferred before them, yea prized above all the Diamonds, Sapphires, Rubies, and Emeralds that our World can afford. The *Lunar* Colour is ſo exceeding beautiful, that a Man would travel a thouſand Leagues to behold it, the Shape is ſomewhat flat, of the Breadth of a Piece of Eight, and twice the Thickneſs, one Side is of a more orient Colour than the other, which being clapt to a Man's bare Skin, takes away all the Weight and Ponderouſneſs of his

Body, but turning the other Side, it adds Force to the attractive Beams of the Earth either in this World or that, and makes the Body half as heavy again: Do you wonder now, why I ſhould ſo overprize this Stone? Before you ſee me on Earth again, you will find I have Reaſon to value this invaluable Jewel. I enquired, whether they had not any kind of Jem, or other Means to make a Man inviſible, which I judged a Thing of admirable Uſe, and could mention divers of our learned Men who had written to this Purpoſe; they anſwered, that if it were poſſible, yet they were ſure Heaven would not ſuffer it to be revealed to us Creatures ſubject to ſo many Imperfections, and which might be eaſily abuſed to ill Purpoſes, and this was all I could get of them.

Now after it was known that *Irdonozur* the great Monarch had done me this Honour, it is ſtrange how much all reſpected me more than before; my Guardians, who had been hitherto cautious in relating any thing of the Government of that World, grew now more open, ſo that from them and *Pylonas* together I underſtood many notable Particulars; as that in a thouſand Years there is found neither Thief nor Whore-monger, for firſt there is no want of any thing neceſſary for the Uſe of Man, Food growing every where without Labour, of all Sorts that can be deſired. As for Cloths, Houſes, or whatever elſe a Man may be ſuppoſed to want, it is provided by their Superiors, though not without ſome Labour, but yet ſo eaſy as if they did it for Pleaſure: Again, their Females are all abſolute Beauties, and by a ſecret Diſpoſition of Nature, a Man there having once known a Woman never deſires any other: Murther was never heard of amongſt them, neither is it hardly poſſible to be committed, for there can be no Wound made

made but what is curable; yea they aſſured me, and for my Part I believe it, that though a Man's Head be cut off, yet if within three Moons it be joined to the Carcaſe again, and the Juice of a certain Herb there growing applied, it will be ſo conſolidated, as the wounded Party ſhall be perfectly cured. But the chief Cauſe of their good Government is an excellent Diſpoſition in the Nature of the People, ſo that all both Old and Young have all manner of Vice, and live in ſuch Love, Peace, and Amity, as it ſeems to be another Paradiſe: Though it is true likewiſe that ſome are of a better Diſpoſition than others, which they diſcern immediately at their Birth; and becauſe it is an inviolable Law amongſt them that none ſhall be put to Death; therefore perceiving by their Stature or ſome other Signs, who are like to be of a wicked and debauched Humour, they ſend them, I know not by what Means, into the Earth, and change them for other Children, before they have either Opportunity or Ability to do amiſs among them; but firſt, they ſay, they are fain to keep them there for ſome Time, till the Air of the Earth alters their Colour like ours. Their ordinary Vent for them is a certain high Hill in the North of *America*, whoſe People, I am apt to believe, are wholly deſcended from them, both in regard of their Colour, and their continual uſe of Tobacco, which the *Lunars* or *Moon Men* ſmoak exceedingly, the Place abounding much with Moiſture, together with the Pleaſure they take therein, and ſome other Reſpects too long to rehearſe: Sometimes, though but ſeldom, they miſtake their Aim, and fall upon *Europe*, *Aſia*, or *Africa*. I remember ſome Years ſince I read certain Stories tending to confirm what is related by theſe *Lunars*, and eſpecially one Chapter of *Neubrigenſis*. *Inigo Mondejar*, in his Deſcription of *No-*

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va Granata. Alſo *Joſeph Deſa de Carana*, in his Hiſtory of *Mexico*, if my Memory fail not, recount what will make my Report more creditable; but I value not Teſtimonies.

If you enquire how Juſtice is executed, alas, what need is there of examplary Puniſhment where no Offences are committed; neither need they any Lawyers, for there is no Contention, the Seeds whereof, when they begin to ſprout, are by the Wiſdom of the next Superior pluckt up by the Roots. And as little Want is there of Phyſicians, they never ſurfeit themſelves; the Air is always pure and temperate, neither is there any Cauſe of Sickneſs, I could never hear of any that were diſtempered. But the Time aſſigned them by Nature being ſpent, they die without the leaſt Pain, or rather ceaſe to live, as a Candle does to give Light when what nouriſhes it is conſumed. I was once at the Departure of one of them, and was much ſurprized, that notwithſtanding the happy Life he lived, and the Multitude of Friends and Children he ſhould forſake, yet as ſoon as he underſtood his End to approach, he prepared a great Feaſt, and inviting all whom "he eſteemed, exhorts them, "to be merry and rejoice with him, ſince the "Time was come he ſhould now leave the coun-"terfeit Pleaſures of that World, and be made "Partaker of all true Joy and perfect Happineſs." I did not ſo much admire his own Conſtancy, as the Behaviour of his Friends: With us in the like Caſe all ſeem to mourn, when many of them do oft but laugh in their Sleeves, or under a Vizard. But here all both Young and Old did, in my Conſcience, not pretendedly, but really rejoice thereat, and if any diſſembled, it was only Grief for their own particular Loſs. Being dead their Bodies putrify not, and ſo are not buried, but kept in certain

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Rooms appointed to that Purpoſe, ſo that moſt of them can ſhew their Anceſtors Bodies uncorrupt for many Generations: There is never any Rain, Wind, or change of Weather, never either Summer or Winter, but as it were a perpetual Spring, yielding all Pleaſure and Content, free from the leaſt Trouble or Annoyance; O my Wife and Children, what Wrong have you done me to bereave me of the Happineſs of that Place! But it is no great Matter, for by this Voyage I am ſufficiently aſſured, that when the Race of my mortal Life is run, I ſhall attain a greater Happineſs elſewhere.

It was the ninth of *September* that I began to aſcend from the *Pike of Teneriff*; twelve Days I was upon my Voyage, and arrived in that Province of the Moon called *Simiri*, *Sept.* 21. *May* 12, we came to the Court of the great *Irdonozur*, and returned back the 17th to the Palace of *Pylonas*, where I continued till *March* 1601. When I earneſtly requeſted *Pylonas*, as I had oft done before, to give me Leave to depart, tho' with Hazard of my Life, back into the Earth again. He diſſuaded me, inſiſting on the Danger of the Voyage, the Miſery of that Place from whence I came, and the abundant Happineſs I now enjoyed; but the Remembrance of my Wife and Children, outweighed all theſe Reaſons, and to ſay the Truth, I was ſo elated with a Deſire of the Glory I ſhould purchaſe at my Return, as methought I deſerved not the Name of a *Spaniard*, if I would not hazard twenty Lives rather than loſe the leaſt Particle thereof. I replied, I had ſo ſtrong a Deſire to ſee my Children, that I could not poſſibly live any longer without going to them: He then requeſted me to ſtay one Year longer; I told him, I muſt needs depart now or never, my Birds began to droop for want of their uſual Voyage, three were already dead, and if a few more failed,

failed, I was deſtitute of all Poſſibility of Return. At length with much Solliciting I prevailed, having firſt acquainted the great *Iraonozur* with my Intentions, and perceiving by the often baying of my Birds a great Longing in them to be gone, I trimmed up my Engine, and took my Leave of *Pylonas*, and *March* 29, three Days after my waking from the laſt Moon's Light, I faſtened myſelf to my Engine, not forgetting to take the Jewels *Irdonozur* had given me, with the Virtues and Uſe whereof *Pylonas* had acquainted me at large, with a ſmall Quantity of Victuals, whereof afterward I had great Occaſion. A vaſt Multitude of People being preſent, and among them *Pylonas* himſelf, after I had given them all the laſt Farewel, I let looſe the Reins to my Birds, who with much Greedineſs taking Wing, quickly carried me out of Sight; it happened to me as in my firſt Paſſage, for I never felt either Hunger or Thirſt till I fell upon an high Mountain in *China*, about five Leagues from the High and Mighty City of *Pequin*. This Voyage was performed in leſs than nine Days, neither heard I any News of theſe airy Men I met with in my aſcending; nothing ſtayed me in my Journey, whether becauſe of the earneſt Deſire of my Birds to return to the Earth, having already miſſed their Seaſon, or that the Attraction of the Earth was ſo much ſtronger than that of the Moon, and ſo made it eaſier, yet ſo it was. though I had three Birds leſs than before. For the firſt eight Days my Birds flew before me, and I on the Engine was as it were drawn after; but the ninth Day, when I began to approach the Clouds, I perceived myſelf and Engine to ſink toward the Earth, and go before them. I was then horribly afraid, leaſt my Birds unable to bear our Weight, being ſo few, ſhould be conſtrained to precipitate both me and themſelves headlong to the Earth,

Earth, and thought it very neceſſary to make uſe of my Stone *Ebelus*, which I clapt to my bare Skin within my Cloths, and inſtantly I perceived my Birds made way with greater Eaſe than before, as ſeeming freed from a great Burthen, neither do I think they could poſſibly have let me down ſafely to the Earth without that Help.

China is a Country ſo populous, that I think there is ſcarce a Piece of Ground thrice a Man's Length which is not carefully manured: I being yet in the Air, ſome of the Country People ſpying me came running by Troops, and ſeized me, would needs carry me before a Magiſtrate, and ſeeing no other Remedy I yielded to them. But when I tried to go I found myſelf ſo light, that one Foot being on the Ground I had much ado to ſet down the other, which was by reaſon my *Ebelus* took all Weight away from my Body, therefore I pretended a Deſire of performing the Neceſſities of Nature; which being made known to them by Signs, for they underſtood not a Word of any Language I could ſpeak, they permitted me to go aſide among a few Buſhes, aſſuring themſelves it was impoſſible I ſhould eſcape from them; being there, I remembred *Pylonas* his Directions about the Uſe of my Stones, and knit them up, with a few remaining Jewels, into an Handkerchief, all except the leaſt and worſt *Ebelus*, which I found Means to apply in ſuch Manner to my Body, that but the half of its Side touched my Skin; this done I drew toward my Guardians, till coming ſo near that they could not croſs my Way, I ſhewed them a fair Pair of Heels, that I might have Time to hide my Jewels, which I knew they would have robbed me of if not prevented. Being thus lightened I led them ſuch a Dance, that had they been all upon the Backs of ſo many Race-Horſes they could never have over-

taken me; I directed my Courſe to a thick Wood, wherein I entered about a Quarter of a League, and there finding a fine Spring, which I took for my Mark, I thruſt my Jewels into a Hole made by a Mole hard by.

I then took my Victuals out of my Pocket, to which till now in all my Voyage I had not the leaſt Appetite, and refreſhed myſelf therewith, till the People who purſued overtook me, into whoſe Hands I quietly ſurrendered myſelf; they led me to an inferior Officer, who underſtanding that I eſcaped from thoſe who firſt apprehended me, cauſed an Incloſure of Boards to be made, wherein they put me, ſo that only my Head was at Liberty, and then carried me upon the Shoulders of four Slaves, like ſome notorious Malefactor, before a Perſon of great Authority, who in their Language I learnt, was called a *Mandarin*, and reſided a League off the famous City of *Pequin*. I could not underſtand them, but found I was accuſed for ſomething with much Vehemence, the Subſtance of this Accuſation it ſeems was, that I was a Magician, as appeared by my being ſo ſtrangely carried in the Air, and that being a Stranger, as both my Language and Habit did declare, I contrary to the Laws of *China* had entered the Kingdom without a Warrant, and probably for no good Intent. The *Mandarin* heard them with a great deal of Gravity, and being a Man of quick Apprehenſion, and ſtudious of Novelties, he told them he would take ſuch Order as the Caſe required, and my bold Attempt ſhould not go unpuniſhed: Having diſmiſt them, he ordered his Servants I ſhould be kept in a remote Part of his vaſt Palace, be ſtrictly guarded, and kindly uſed; this I conjecture by my Treatment, and what followed, for my Accommodation was much better than I could expect, I lodged well, eat well,

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was well attended, and could complain of nothing but my Reſtraint: Thus continued I many Months, afflicted more with the Thoughts of my *Ganſas* than any Thing elſe, who I knew muſt be irrecoverably loſt, as indeed they were.

In this Time by my own Induſtry, and the Aſſiſtance of thoſe who accompanied me, I learnt to ſpeak indifferently the Language of that Province, (for almoſt every Province in *China* hath its proper Tongue) whereat I perceived they were much pleaſed: At length I was permitted to take the Air, and brought into the ſpacious Garden of that Palace, a Place of extraordinary Pleaſure and Delight, adorned with Herbs and Flowers of admirable Sweetneſs and Beauty, with almoſt infinite Variety of Fruits, *European* and others, all compoſed with that rare Curioſity, as even raviſhed my Senſes in the Contemplation of ſuch delightful Objects; I had not long recreated myſelf here, when the *Mandarin* entered the Garden on that Side I was walking, of which having Notice by his Servants, and that I ought to kneel to him (a uſual Reverence I found toward great Officers) I did ſo, and humbly intreated his Favour toward a poor Stranger, who arrived in theſe Parts not deſignedly, but by the ſecret Diſpoſal of the Heavens; he anſwered in a different Language which I hear all the *Mandarins* uſe, and like that of the *Lunars* conſiſting chiefly of Tunes, which was interpreted by one of his Attendants, wiſhing me to be of good Comfort, ſince he intended no Harm to me. Next Day I was ordered to come before him, and being conducted into a noble Dining-room exquiſitely painted, the *Mandarin* commanding all to avoid, vouchſafed to confer with me in the vulgar Language, enquiring into the State of my Country, the Power of my Prince, and the Religion and Manners of the Peo-

ple; wherein having ſatisfied him, he aſked me about my Education, and what brought me into this remote Country; I then declared to him the Adventures of my Life, omitting what I thought convenient, and eſpecially forbearing to mention the Stories given me by *Irdonozur*.

The Strangeneſs of my Story did much amaze him, and finding in all my Diſcourſe nothing tending to Magick, wherein he hoped by my Means to be inſtructed, he began to admire the Excellency of my Wit, applauding me for the happieſt Man that this World ever ſaw, and wiſhing me to repoſe myſelf after my long Narration, he for that Time diſmiſſed me. After which the *Mandarin* took ſo much Delight in me, that no Day paſſed wherein he did not ſend for me: At length he adviſed me to cloath myſelf in the Habit of that Country, which I willingly did, and gave me not only the Liberty of his Houſe, but took me alſo with him when he went to *Pequin*, whereby I had Opportunity to learn the Diſpoſition of the People, and the Policy of the Country, neither did I by my Attendance on him, gain only the Knowledge of theſe Things, but the Poſſibility likewiſe of being reſtored to my native Soil, and to thoſe dear Pledges which I value above the World, even my Wife and Children: For by often frequenting *Pequin*, I at length heard of ſome Fathers of the Society of *Jeſus*, who were become famous for their extraordinary Favour with the King, to whom they had preſented ſome *European*, as Clocks, Watches, Dials, and the like, which by them were counted exquiſite Curioſities. To theſe by the *Mandarin*'s Leave I repaired, and was welcomed by them, they much wondering to ſee a Lay *Spaniard* there, whither they had with ſo much Difficulty obtained Leave to arrive. There did I relate to Father *Pontoja*

toja and others of the Society the forementioned Adventures, by whoſe Directions I put them in Writing, and ſent this Story of my Fortunes to *Macoa*, from thence to be conveyed to *Spain*, as a Forerunner of my Return; and the *Mandarin* being indulgent to me, I came often to the Fathers, with whom I conſulted about many Secrets, and with them alſo laid the Foundation of my Return, the bleſſed Hour whereof I do with Patience expect, that by enriching my Country with the Knowledge of theſe hidden Myſteries, I may at laſt reap the Glory of my fortunate Misfortunes.

A Journey of ſeveral Engliſh *Merchants from* Oratava *in* Teneriff, *one of the Canary Iſlands on the Coaſt of* Africa, *to the top of the Pike in that Iſland, with the Obſervations they made there.*

MEntion being made in the preceding Story of the *Pike* of *Teneriff*, it may be ſome Diverſion to inſert the following little Journey performed by divers *Engliſhmen* a few Years ſince to the Top, who publiſhed the following Account thereof.

The *Pike* of *Teneriff* is thought not to have its Equal in the World for Height, its Top being ſo much above the Clouds, that in clear Weather it may be ſeen ſixty *Dutch* Leagues at Sea.

It cannot be aſcended but in *July* and *Auguſt*, lying all the other Months covered with Snow, though upon this and the near adjacent Iſlands none is to be ſeen: It requires three Days travel to come to the top: The Merchants and other worthy Perſons who undertook this Journey proceed thus. Having furniſhed ourſelves with a Guide, Servants, and Horſes to carry our Wine and Proviſion,

viſion, we ſet forth from *Oratava*, a Port Town in the Iſland of *Teneriff*, ſituate on the North Side, two Mile diſtant from the main Sea, and travelled from twelve at Night till eight in the Morning, by which Time we got to the Top of the firſt Mountain toward the *Pico de Terraira*; there under a very large and conſpicuous Pine Tree we took our Breakfaſt, dined, and refreſht ourſelves till two in the Afternoon. Then we paſſed through many ſandy Ways, over many lofty Mountains, but naked and bare, and not covered with Pine Trees as our firſt Night's Paſſage was; this expoſed us to exceſſive Heat, till we arrived to the Foot of the *Pico*, where we found divers huge Stones, which ſeemed to have fallen from ſome upper Part: About ſix in the Evening we began to aſcend up the *Pico*, but were ſcarce advanced a Mile, when the Way being no more paſſable for Horſes, we left them with our Servants. In the Aſcent of one Mile, ſome of our Company grew very faint and ſick, diſordered by Fluxes, Vomitings, and agueiſh Diſtempers, our Horſes Hair ſtanding up like Briſtles, and calling for ſome of our Wine carried in ſmall Barrels on an Horſe, we found it ſo wonderfully cold, that we could not drink it till we had made a Fire to warm it, notwithſtanding the Air was very calm and moderate, but when the Sun was ſet, it began to blow with ſuch Violence, and grew ſo cold, that taking up our Lodging among the hollow Rocks, we were neceſſitated to keep Fires in the Mouths of them all Night.

About four in the Morning we began to mount again, and being come another Mile up, one of our Company failed and was able to proceed no further: Here began the *black Rocks*; the reſt of us purſued our Journey till we came to the *Sugar Loaf*, where we began to travel again in a white Sand,

Sand, being fitted with Shoes, whoſe ſingle Soles are made a Finger broader than the upper Leathers, to encounter this difficult Paſſage: Having aſcended as far the *black Rocks*, which lay all flat like a plain Floor, we climbed within a Mile of the very Top of the *Pico*, and at laſt we attained the *Summit*, where we found no ſuch Smoak as appeared a little below, but a continual Perſpiration of a hot and ſulphureous Vapour that made our Faces extremely ſore; all this way we found no conſiderable Alteration of the Air, and very little Wind, but on the Top it was ſo impetuous, that we had much ado to ſtand againſt it whilſt we drank K. *Charles* II. Health, and fired each of us a Gun. Here alſo we took our Dinner, but found that our ſtrong Waters had loſt their Virtue, and were almoſt inſipid, while our Wine was more briſk and ſpirituous than before: The Top on which we ſtood being not above a Yard broad, is the Brink of a Pit called the *Caldera*, which we judged to be a Muſket Shot over, and near fourſcore Yards deep, in form of a Cone, hollow within like a Kettle, and covered over with ſmall looſe Stones mixed with Sulphur and Sand, from among which iſſued divers Spiracles of Smoak and Heat, which being ſtirred with any Thing puffs and makes a Noiſe, and is ſo offenſive, that we were even ſuffocated with the ſudden riſing of Vapors, upon removing one of theſe Stones, which were ſo hot as not eaſily to be handled; we deſcended not above four or five Yards into the *Caldera* or Caldron, becauſe of the Slipperineſs under Foot, and the Difficulty; but ſome have adventured to the Bottom: Other Matters obſervable we diſcovered none, beſides a clear ſort of *Sulphur* which lay like Salt upon the Stones: From this renowned *Pico* we could ſee the *Grand Canaries* fourteen Leagues diſtant, *Palma* eighteen, and *Gomera* ſeven, which Interval of Sea

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ſeemed not much wider than the *Thames* about *London*; we diſcerned alſo the *Herro*, being diſtant about twenty Leagues, and ſo to the utmoſt Limits of the Sea much farther: As ſoon as the Sun appeared, the Shadow of the *Pico* ſeemed to cover not only the whole Iſland and the *Grand Canaries*, but the Sea to the very Horizon, where the Top of the *Sugar-Loaf* or *Pico* viſibly appeared to turn up, and caſt its Shade into the Air itſelf, at which we were much ſurprized.

But the Sun was not far aſcended when the Clouds began to riſe ſo faſt, as intercepted our Proſpect both of the Sea and the whole Iſland, except the Tops only of the ſubjacent Mountains, which ſeemed to pierce them through; whether theſe Clouds do ever ſurmount the *Pico* we cannot ſay, but to ſuch as are far below they ſeem ſometimes to hang above it, or rather wrap themſelves about it, conſtantly when the Weſt Winds blow; this they call the Cap, and is an infallible Prognoſtick of enſuing Storms: One of our Company who made this Journey again two Years after, arriving at the Top of the *Pico* before Day, and creeping under a great Stone to ſhroud himſelf from the cold Air, after a little Space found himſelf all wet, and perceived it to come from a perpetual trickling of the Water from the Rocks above him: Many excellent and exuberant Springs we found iſſuing from the Tops of moſt of the other Mountains, guſhing out in great Spouts, almoſt as far as the huge Pine Tree we mentioned before; having ſtayed a while at the Top, we all deſcended the ſandy Way till we came to the Foot of the *Sugar-Loaf*, which being ſteep even almoſt to a Perpendicular we ſoon paſſed, and here we met with a Cave about ten Yards deep and fifteen broad, being in Shape like an Oven or *Cupola*, having a Hole at the Top near eight Yards over;

over; this we deſcended by a Rope that our Servants held faſt on the Top, while with the other End being faſtened about our Middles we ſwung ourſelves, till being over a Bank of Snow we ſlid down, lighting upon it; we were forced to ſwing thus in the Deſcent, becauſe in the Midſt of the Bottom of this Cave oppoſite to the Overture at the Top, is a round Pit of Water like a Well, the ſurface whereof is about a Yard lower, but as wide as the Mouth at Top, and about ſix Fathom deep; we ſuppoſed this Water was not a Spring, but diſſolved Snow blown in, or Water trickling through the Rocks; about the Sides of the Grott for ſome Height there is Ice and Iſicles hanging down to the Snow.

But being quickly weary of this exceſſive cold Place, and drawn up again, we continued our Deſcent from the Mountains by the ſame Paſſage we went up the Day before, and ſo about five in the Evening arrived at *Oratava*, from whence we ſet forth; our Faces were ſo red and ſore that to cool them we were forced to waſh and bathe them in whites of Eggs: The whole Height of the *Pico* in Perpendicular is vulgarly eſteemed to be two Miles and an half. No Trees, Herbs nor Shrubs did we find in all the Paſſage, but Pines, and among the whiter Sands a kind of Broom being a buſhy Plant: It is the Opinion of ſome ingenious Perſons who have lived twenty Years upon the Place, that the whole Iſland being a Soil mightily impregnated with Brimſtone, did in former Times take Fire, and blow up all or near all at the ſame Time; and that many Mountains of huge Stones calcined and burnt, which appear all over this Iſland, eſpecially in the South-Weſt Part of it, were caſt up and raiſed out of the Bowels of the Earth at the Time of that general Conflagration; and that the greateſt

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Quantity of this *Sulphur* lying about the Center of the Iſland raiſed up the *Pico* to that Height at which it now is ſeen; which appears by the Situation of thoſe Rocks that lye three or four Miles round the Bottom of the *Pico*, and in ſuch Order one above another almoſt to the *Sugar Loaf*, as it is called, as if the whole ground ſwelling and riſing up together by the Aſcenſion of the Brimſtone, the Torrents and Rivers of it did with a ſudden Eruption roul and tumble them down from the reſt of the Rocks; eſpecially to the South-Weſt, where from the Top of the *Pico* to the Sea-coaſt lie huge Heaps of theſe burnt Rocks one under another; and there ſtill remain the very Tracks of the Brimſtone Rivers as they ran over this Quarter of the Iſland which hath ſo waſted the Ground, beyond Recovery, that nothing can be made to grow there but Broom.

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